SIRES AND SONS.

Admiral George Dewey gets up at 4 o'clock every morning in consequence of his practice of retiring early. He has read the papers and perhaps a book or two by the time he sits down to breakfast.

George J. Gould, head of the Gould family, who has just celebrated his forty-eighth birthday, keeps himself in good trim by walking home from his office every afternoon, a distance of about four miles.

Thomas Foster of Hampton hill, London, who is now in his ninety-seventh year, was bead gardener to King William iV., and, although approaching his bundredth year, he is to be found in his orchard at work for several hours every day.

R. H. Scott, who has been elected president of the North Renfrew Agricultural society of Ottawa. Canada, has been billed from childhood. He is a machinery agent and borse dealer and travels the United States and Canada unassisted, buying borses, which be judges solely by the sense of touch.

Sir Francis Oppenheimer, the first Jew to be accepted in the diplomatic corps accredited to the kaiser's court, is an English lawyer and a graduate of Oxford. He was recently appointed commercial attache of the British embassy. He has an international reputation as an authority on commerce and finance.

Sporting Notes.

Boston wants this year's amateur rowing regatta.

Philadelphia, New York. Baltimore and Washington will bold amateur league baseball competitions, the winners in each city playing for the championship.

The Newcastle United Association Football club, winner of the English cup two years ago and runner-up last season, is planning to visit the United States and Canada this spring for a series of games.

Ralph Craig, the famous sprinter of the University of Michigan, on account of business engagements will not compete with the American team at the Olympic games in Stockholm next summer. Craig was expected to score heavily in the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

Current Comment.

Butter can be made directly from grass, we are told by a scientist. The day of the cow with twenty-seven cogwheels and a steam whistle may be at hand.—St, Louis Globe-Democrat,

China has celebrated its last Chinese New Year. The western calendar has been adopted by the republic. Thus is the cycle of Cathay brought into accord with the years of Europe.—Philadelphia Ledger.

After the Maine had been sunk a good many years Uncle Sam raised money to raise the ship, and now that the money has been sunk and the ship raised the ship will be sunk again, the money to be raised probably from the sinking fund.—Detroit News.

The Writers.

Lady Sibyl Grant, eldest daughter of Lord Rosebery, is a talented writer, having much of her father's wit.

Hillaire Belloc, English author, who was some years ago a favorite lecturer, says that he left parliament "because I was getting sick of the vilest and dirtiest society in which I have ever mixed in all my life."

A movement is under way in Spain to secure the next Nobel literary prize for Perez Galdos, novelist and dramatist, who is best known for his series of romances dealing with Spanish histery from Trafalgar to the Carlist wars.

The Royal Box.

The queen of Beigium is passionately fond of horses

Princess Vilma Lwoff-Pariaghy of Berlin and Vienna spends not a little of her time in New York. She was born in Hungary and is a Magyar princess. She is also a portrait painter of some emissence.

In 1913 the haiser will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession to the throne. This event will be estebrated with extraordinary pompand circumstance, and the preparation therefore has, it is said, already begun.

His Weakness.
"I should think," said the woman of
the house, "you would have too much
saif respect to make your living by
begging."

"Lady," protested Ruffon Wratz, drawing himself up, "self respect is wot alls me! I wouldn't de this fur no other man on earth."—Chicago Tribune.

Grammar.

There was a young lady from Kent,
Whose grammar was terribly bent.
She said to her flame,
"Ten so giad you have came,
But I'll miss you so much when you've

-Pittsburgh Post.

Cares of Candidacy.

Oh, who would he a candidate,
The public mind to thrill?

Every time he must orate
He has a nervous chill.

Every time he strites a line
He shudders with dismay,
Because his critics will define
His words a different way.

Every time he helds his tongue
And won't be interviewed
They tell him that his knot is rung.
By doubt he is pursued.
Though our historic precedents
Show partialism great.
En is the greatest who consents

She-And would you really put your self out for my sake?

He-Indeed I would. She-Then do it, please. I'm awfully sleepy.-Williams Purple Cow.

"I simply can't stand the toot of an automobile born!"

"A fellow eloped with my wife in an automobile, and every time I hear a horn toot I think he's bringing her back."—Minneseta Minnehaha.

"How do you know he's a stranger?"
"I saw him set his watch by the town clock."—Cornell Widow.

Life is but a space that's spanned
With weary tommyrot.
We can the funny hobble and
Take up the turkey trot.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"My daughter is so pretty that I can't interest her in the serious things of life." "She may lose her good looks some day." "So I tell her. And then she'll be sorry that she didn't learn to play bridge." Washington Heraid.

There's more truth than poetry in some poetry.-Judge.

"Wombet is a predestinarian."

"What on earth is a predestinarian?"
"A man who believes he's bound to
get run over some day by an automobi e." I'nek.

Lillian R will wed again.

Note that seeks number ten,

that the arror bar is monning.

Denver Republican.

Bieserd is he who, having nothing to the tree giving us wordy when you be tack. George Ellot.

Sir Woman is man's equal in many ways and in many ways she is his superior

He-Yes, but what would a woman think of a man who insisted upon wearing clothes that buttoned up the back?-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Wife-1 see that Mrs. Ketchum has got a divorce.

Hub-Confound it! That means another wedding present.—Boston Transcript.

Oh, who would care to be a sphinx?
Its story soon is told.
It sits and looks as if it thinks
And stays out in the cold.

—Washington Star.

"Does your fiance know your age. Lotta?"
"Well-partly."-Fliegende Blatter.

Miss Campus Giri—Can we have some space in your paper? Society Editor—What do you want

space for?
Miss Campus—To publish the doings
of our secret society.—Chicago News.

A divorced man marries a divorced woman, the daughter of divorced parents. 'Tis love that makes the world go round.-Providence Journal.

The Chinese soon will catch the pace.

Now that they're entered in the race
They'll pick up occidental ways
In garb and food and book and phrase.
But sacred mandarins and mats—
How will they look in derby hats?

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Matron-I have been happily married for twenty-five years.

Manager-Would you consider an offer to go in vaudeville?-Club Fellow.

"Working on a newspaper, are you, Squallop? I thought you made your living by writing fiction."

living by writing fiction."

"Confidentially, Ruggles, I do. I'm
the Daily Bread's obituary editor."—
Chicago Tribune.

"Bolitaness pays. Raymember this,"
Said courteous Mike O'Grady,
"An' be a gintleman—unless
It happens ye'rs a lady."
—Catholic Standard and Times.

Young Lady-Guard, will I have time to say goodby to my friends? Guard-Afraid not, miss. This train leaves in two hours and a half.—Sacred Heart Review.

"This beautiful two dollar cut glass salt shaker is reduced to \$1.61."
"Oh, dear! I wish it were selling at full price. Then I should get enough trading stamps with it to fill my book."

-Buffalo Express.

They say that life is shortened by Remorse, regret and such.
Then beaven help these editors.
Who must "regret" so much!

First Divorcee—I was fool enough to marry for money. Second Divorces — And I was fool enough to marry for love.—Life.

if all women were beautiful and none of them ever grew old a married man's wife would never insist on taking him out to spend the evening anywhere—Chicago Record-Herald.

> There lived a man in our town, And he was wondrous mail. His collar button had excaped. The only one he had.

Many a man doesn't below one drink from another. He makes a wry face when he drinks Scotch.—New York Times.

"Money is on trial in this country,"
"Well, some of it is being acquitted.
I met a lawyer this morning who said
he had just cleared \$1.000."—Boston
Bacord.

This is a queer old world. We're bred
To think that me're forgiving
When we tom broughets of the dead
And three sames at the fiving
—Che-bonet Enquires.



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North American Fisheries,
When the Cabota returned from their
voyage of discovery in 1497 they informed the English of the abundance
of fish in the seas around Labrador
and Newfoundland. In 1517, just twenty years after the Cabota' announcement, mariners made their first voyage
from England in quest of sea food in
the deep North American waters.

Natural Gas In China,

Natural cas has been used in China for many centuries, it issues from fissures in the earth near the confinites and is fed through implies tubes to the point where it is consumed.

Marriage in Norway.

In Norwa, no serg man may perform a marriage unless the couple can prove that they have took been treetanted or more man smalpox. Parenta, consent to a cessory in Russia. Lack of sufficient horms to support a wife in

a bur m Austria.

A Venerable Free.
On the Camendarian also shore near Thebenor Springs stands a venerable free which, experis deciare, is not less than 800 years aid.

Preving It.

"People nowndays." said the old house cat. "don't know how to raise children. They let the youngsters have their own way too much.

"That's right," replied the old brood hen. "Now, look at these chicks of mine. They wouldn't have amounted to anything if they hadn't been sat upon."—Cathelic Standard and Times.

A Lost Charm.

I used to love the wintry gale,
But that was years ago.
It makes me fear the gas will fail;
I know it's burning low.
And through the drifts I'd joyous wade
Past fences snowy walled.
But now the drifts make me afraid
The street cars will be stalled.

Old winter was a season dear,
But that was years ago.
The slipping frosts brought merry cheer.
About the crackling glow.
We watch the tube with furrowed brow,
Unmoved by frosty sheens.
We'd rather take our winters now.
In moving picture scenes.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Aviation.

Military airmanship was voted over £100,000 by the British government last year.

Of the fifteen scroplanes owned by the English war office nine are of British and six of French manufacture. Controlling apparatus of a new acroplane is so arranged that it can be operated by either of two persons scated side by side.

Claude Grahame-White, the English aviator, says it is his intention to give up flying and devote his time to the manufacture of aeropianes.

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